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SUBJ: JCP ATTACKS JSP OVER JAMA FUNDS

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SUMMARY: JCP CHARGED JUNE 2 THAT JSP HAS RECEIVED 30 MILLION YEN FROM JAPAN AUTO MANUFACTURS ASSOCIATION (JAMA). JSP SAID THIS IS OLD STORY BEING RESURRECTED AT THIS TIME TO STRIKE BACK AT JSP CRITICISM OF JCP FOR BRINGING DOWN MIKI GOVERNMENT. WE DON'T SEE ANY UNUSUAL SIGNIFICANCE TO THE CHARGE OR THE TIMING, EXCEPT THAT IT DOES SHARPEN THE ONGOING JSP-JCP CONTROVERSY. END SUMMARY.

1. LATE JUNE 2, JCP CHARGED THAT A JSP ORGANIZATION SOLICITED AND RECEIVED DONATIONS OVER THREE YEARS TOTALING 30 MILLION YEN FROM JAMA. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, JCP DEPUTY CHEIF OF SECRETARIAT MITSUHIRO KANEKO SAID THAT THE JSP-AFFILIATE, SOCIAL CULTURAL HALL, THE BODY WHICH OPERATES THE BUILDING IN WHICH JSP HEADQUARTERS IS LOCATED, HAD ASKED FOR AND USED THE FUNDS FOR ENLARGING AND REMODELING THE STRUCTURE.

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KANEKO REPORTEDLY CHARGED THAT BECAUSE OF RECEIPT OF THESE

DONATIONS, THE JSP WAS UNABLE TO CRITICIZE THE LDP FOR ITS "MONEY POLITICS".

2. JSP FINANCIAL CHIEF RIKI SUZUKI PUBLICLY ADMITTED THAT SUCH FUNDS HAD BEEN SOLICITED AND RECEIVED BY THE JSP AFFILIATE FOR THE STATED PURPOSE, BUT SINCE THE PARTY WAS NOT INVOLVED, THE FUNDS HAD NOT BEEN REPORTED AS POLITICAL DONATIONS UNDER THE POLITICAL FUND CONTROL LAW.

3. A JSP SOURCE TOLD EMBASSY THAT THIS JCP CHARGE IS NOT LIKELY TO CREATE PROBLEMS FOR JSP, EITHER WITHIN OR OUTSIDE PARTY. JCP HAS RESURRECTED OLD CHARGE NOW, THE SOURCE SAID, IN RETALIATION FOR JSP SEC GEN ISHIBASHI'S RECENT CRITICISM OF JCP CALL FOR BRINGING DOWN MIKI CABINET. IT IS ALSO JCP ATTEMPT, HE SAID, TO AGGRAVATE DISSENSION WITHIN JSP OVER CHAIRMAN NARITA'S HANDLING OF "HEGEMONY" ISSUE DURING HIS RECENT PEKING VISIT PRIOR TO JUNE 9 CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH IT APPEARS TO BE AN ESCALATION OF ONGOING CONTROVERSY, WE DO NOT SEE ANY UNUSUAL SIGNIFICANCE IN KANEKO'S CHARGE AT THIS TIME. IT WAS MADE BECAUSE, AS EXPLAINED BY "AKAHATA", THE JCP COULD NOT AFFORD TO IGNORE ISHIBASHI'S DENUNCIATION. IT IS BUT LATEST OF SERIES OF SQUABBLES BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES. THEY HAVE BEEN SPLIT, NOT ONLY ON QUESTION OF BRINGING DOWN MIKI, BUT ALSO ON ELECTION REDISTRICTING AND POLITICAL FUNDS CONTROL BILLS NOW IN LOWER HOUSE DOCKET, TREATMENT OF "HEGEMONY" ISSUE IN SINO-JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP TREATY, AND LOCAL ISSUES SUCH AS HANDLING OF OUTCAST WELFARE PROGRAMS AND PAY SCALES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.
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